## Association of Bay Area Governments

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area

January 8, 2009

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

ABAG Executive Board

From:

Judy Kelly, Executive Director

San Francisco Estuary Project

Subject:

Request for Ratification of Contract Agreement with The Bay

Institute for the services of Mark Holmes, Restoration Consultant

The Board is requested to ratify the agreement with The Bay Institute for the Services of Marc Holmes as a Restoration Consultant for the San Francisco Estuary Project. His efforts will be to build upon SFEP's existing network of partners, supporters and outreach activities to create a regional campaign to promote implementation of SFEP's habitat restoration programs. This effort will include multiple partners and promote restoration projects throughout the bay region. SFEP seeks to increase the program's implementation of CCMP restoration goals and actions. SFEP is looking to expand recognition of the cutting-edge restoration activities already promoted by the program, to increase funding for new restoration efforts, and to accelerate restoration project successes around the estuary.

ABAG/San Francisco Estuary Project has received a grant contract for 2009 from the US Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and funds for this contract are included in this grant contract. Under terms of this agreement, SFEP/ABAG issued a Request for Qualifications for the Restoration Consultant. The one-year agreement will not exceed \$ 55,000.

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